

Application No.: 09/374,130

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## REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

\ 15. (Three Times Amended) A method of operating a surge prevention valve,  
said method comprising the steps of:

D1 CW 4/30/03 moving at least a portion of a handle linearly therethrough causing a <sup>first</sup> valve  
element to move in a first direction to cause oxygen to flow through a first path in said first  
direction at a first flow rate; and

subsequently, moving said handle when said linear movement has been achieved  
to cause a torque engagement that allows said handle to move in a second non-linear  
CW 4/30/03 direction causing a <sup>a second valve element to move to allow</sup> oxygen to flow through a second path in said non-linear direction at a  
second flow rate, said second flow rate being greater than said first flow rate.

D2 2 17. (Three Times Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said step of  
moving said handle includes the step of rotating said handle to an open position.

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